

URGES LEE MEMORIAL

President Renews Suggestion for Tribute to Southerner.

WRITES A SECOND LETTER

Asks Committee Having in Charge Work of Raising Funds to Arrange Meeting so Steps to Appeal to People Can at Once Be Taken and Sum Accumulated.

President Roosevelt has renewed his suggestion that a memorial commemorating the services of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the Confederate chieftain, be erected by popular subscription. A letter dated January 15, 1935, was given out at the White House yesterday in which the President advises the committee on the proposed memorial to meet in Washington for the purpose of considering the project.

The letter, which is addressed to D. C. Heyward, of South Carolina; Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts; and Wade H. Ellis, of Ohio, is as follows: "Gentlemen: On January 15, 1907, I wrote a letter in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee. At that time the suggestion was made that a fitting memorial commemorating Gen. Lee's life and deeds should be erected by appealing to all of our people in every section of this country for the establishing of such a memorial in some educational institution in the South.

"This day being the anniversary of his birth, I would like to ask whether steps cannot at once be taken to provide such a memorial. I understand that it has been definitely concluded to place it at Washington and Lee University—a university endowed by Washington, and where Gen. Lee passed in honorable service the closing years of his life, and where his body now lies. Could not your committee arrange for a meeting in Washington, or elsewhere, if your committee thinks it wiser, at which definite steps toward the desired end can be taken? Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TEXAS COURTS UPHELD.

Supreme Court Confirms Ousting of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

The Supreme Court of the United States yesterday upheld the action of the Texas courts in ousting the Waters-Pierce Oil Company from the State. The fines imposed upon the corporation, which is alleged to be a branch of the Standard Oil Company, were also confirmed. They aggregate \$12,500.

This is the second time the company has been driven from the State for violating the anti-trust laws. The renewal in 1909 of the permission to engage in business in the State, largely through the efforts of Senator Bailey, was the principal cause of the fight against the re-election of the latter to the Senate.

The Supreme Court also confirmed the action of the Court of Appeals in ordering the receivership vacated. The property was placed in the hands of a receiver by action of the lower Texas courts.

DOVEY RELEASES FOUR MEN.

Manager Bowerman Will Probably Play First for Boston Nationals.

Boston, Jan. 15.—President Dovey released four of his players—Essick, McGann, Hannifin, and Lavender—to-day. He is wedding out his players, and will take but twenty South with him. He now has thirty men left.

The meeting in February will gain the Doves some new men.

Letting McGann go looks as though Manager Bowerman would play at first. He is good on the initial bag and will probably take the position, taking off the catcher's mitt for good. Young Essick goes to Kansas City. He is a good pitcher, but was not good enough to suit President Dovey with his present long string of twirlers.

McGann will go to Milwaukee, and J. J. Hannifin to Philadelphia. Lavender will go to Providence.

Some other radical changes are expected soon.

Business vs. Western.

A basketball game is booked for this afternoon in the Business High School gymnasium, when the Senographers five clashes with the quint from Western High. The game is scheduled to start at 2:30 p. m.

Parkview's Club Challenges.

The recently organized Parkview baseball team, which will play in the Suburban League this year, is anxious to arrange a number of exhibition games with any team in the District. Address Edward May, manager, 3008 Georgia avenue.

PROMINENT NORTH CAROLINIANS

The McKanna Three-day Liquor Cure Indorsed in the Highest Terms.

Hon. William Preston Byrum, jr., ex-judge of the North Carolina Superior Court, gives the McKanna Three-day liquor cure his indorsement in the following language:

"I take pleasure in saying that, while I have had no experience with the McKanna liquor cure, I have seen those who have taken it, and have read and heard a great deal of it and Dr. McKanna. Dr. McKanna's first establishment of this cure in this section was at Reidsville, N. C., about twenty-four miles from Greensboro, and I have frequently had occasion to see people who had taken his cure and had been treated by him successfully, and from what I have heard and read concerning him and his cure, I believe him to be a reputable gentleman and his cure to be successful and deserving of patronage."

Hon. P. W. Gilkewell, one of the Bryan-Kern electors from North Carolina and a lawyer of considerable reputation in his home State, also indorses the McKanna treatment.

"It affords me pleasure to say that during the past few years I have known a number of people who have been cured of the liquor habit by taking your three-day liquor cure, and I am thoroughly convinced that your treatment does more than you claim for it. Men who have taken the treatment have said that their general health was greatly benefited, and that troubles arising from the use of liquor were relieved when the treatment was completed."

These original letters are on file at Dr. McKanna's business office and residence, 175 E. street, northwest, Washington.

There are McKanna sanatoriums at Richmond, Va., Murphy's Hotel Annex, and Reidsville, N. C. Phone of Washington residence, Main 684.

MRS. MARY HITT DEAD.

Well-known Washington Woman Passes Away.

After an illness extending over a period of five years, the venerable Mrs. Mary H. P. Hitt, wife of Isaac R. Hitt, passed away at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home, 1334 Columbia road northwest. She was seventy-eight years old, and was one of the best-known members of the Methodist Church in Washington.

She was born in Evanston, Ill., and first came to the Capital twenty-five years ago. Her husband was an official in the Indian reclamation service until ten years ago, when he retired to practice law. She is survived by two sons—Isaac R. Hitt, jr., of this city, and Arza B. Hitt, of Texas.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Joseph Dawson, of the Calvary M. E. Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

BOARD OF TRADE TO MEET

Business Men of the Nation Here for Discussion.

Merchant Marine Probably Will Be Discussed at Length by Prominent Speakers.

Important subjects, closely related to the industrial affairs of the nation, will be discussed at the meeting this afternoon of the National Board of Trade, which convenes at the Willard Hotel at 2:30 o'clock.

Frank D. La Lanne, of Philadelphia, president of the board, will preside. The subjects will not be introduced in order, but it is believed by the officers that American shipping and American merchant marine will be the principal subjects talked of at the session this afternoon.

A dinner to the council of the board was given last night in the Willard Hotel by President La Lanne. About twenty-five members attended.

The officers of the board are: Frank D. La Lanne, Philadelphia, president; P. M. Estes, Nashville, first vice president; Clinton White, Boston, second vice president; William R. Tucker, Philadelphia, treasurer; managers, James F. Parker, New York; Capt. W. B. Rodgers, Pittsburgh; L. L. Gilbert, Montgomery; Harry Weissinger, Louisville; William D. Mullen, Wilmington, and Thomas J. Brodnax, Kansas City.

FIREMEN ARE KEPT BUSY.

Seven Alarms Recorded, but Only Four Make Firefighters Work.

Fires kept the firemen busy yesterday. The slippery asphalt made the going treacherous for horses, but all of the alarms were answered without mishap.

Fire occurred in Odd Fellows' Hall, 223 Rhode Island avenue northeast, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The building was occupied as a feed store by John Miller. The stock of hay and grain was destroyed. The damage probably will amount to several hundred dollars.

Children playing with matches were responsible for setting fire to a mattress in the house of Mrs. Mary Hale, 394 Fifteenth street southeast, yesterday afternoon. The flames were extinguished before much damage resulted.

Slight damage was caused by a blaze in John Simons' residence, 321 K street northwest, about 5:30 o'clock.

An overturned oil stove started a fire in the house of Arthur Ferguson, 314 Raleigh street, Congress Heights, about 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The house was damaged to the extent of \$25, and \$10 worth of furniture was burned.

A fire broke out at a grate in the Department of Justice Building, Vermont avenue and K street northwest, so alarmed a passing citizen about 7:30 o'clock last night that he pulled box 149, summoning several engine and truck companies and the water tower.

Flames coming from a newly-made fire in a sign shop near Ninth and D streets northwest, about 9 o'clock last night, caused an alarm to be rung.

OHIO SPEAKERS HEARD.

Republican Association Gives Programme at G. A. R. Hall.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ohio Republican Association of Washington was held last evening at G. A. R. Hall. President James W. Bell presided.

A piano solo was given by A. V. Lufrio, followed by a selection by the Ohio Mandolin Club, and mandolin duets by A. Thomas and wife, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. O. Chadlock. The recitation "Ohio," by Miss Bessie E. Brown, was well delivered, and she was invited to respond to an encore, in which she gave a satire on William Jennings Bryan.

Gen. J. Warren Keifer, Congressman from the Seventh District of Ohio, gave a talk on the good work accomplished by the club, saying he hoped the membership would be enlarged so as to take in every Ohio Republican in the city.

On account of illness Congressman Ralph D. Cole could not attend. E. A. Gonsinger gave a short speech on "Taft and Ohio."

GOOD ROADS IN VIEW.

Asphalt Association Meets in Convention Here to-morrow.

When the Independent Asphalt Association meets in annual convention to-morrow at the New Willard Hotel, the question of "good roads" will be one of the subjects that will be discussed. It is understood Congress will suggest the introduction of bills in the House asking the government to appropriate \$20,000,000 for improving the country roads throughout the United States.

"If Congress would appropriate this amount," said one of the members last night, "to be utilized in building roads of asphalt throughout the country, in twenty years we would have the finest roads in the world."

PAUL J. BECKHAM DROWNED.

Young Man, Said to Be from Washington, Met Death at College.

A dispatch last evening was to the effect that Paul J. Beckham, of Washington, a student at St. Joseph's College, Baltimore, was drowned yesterday while skating on the college pond. The hue and cry was raised quickly and students entered upon the rescue work, but in vain.

Inquiry at a number of Beckham families in Washington last evening failed to establish the identity of the subject, whose name does not appear in the city directory.

Child Has Narrow Escape.

Playing in the snow in front of her home with several children, Marion Augustine, five years old, of 494 H street northwest, was knocked down and trampled upon by two horses attached to a bakery wagon yesterday afternoon. The child escaped serious injury. Benjamin Hilderbrand, driver of the wagon, carried her home in his arms.

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fense submitted their statement of the

case in writing to the court, and the pro-

secution introduced sufficient evidence

to prove the killing and make the record

clear, and the case was closed.

As evidence of the widespread interest

aroused by the case, the largest gathering

that ever crowded into the courtroom was

on hand to witness the proceedings.

BATTLE FLAGS ARE RETURNED.

Ohio Gives Up Banner Captured During Civil War.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 15.—The historic

battle flag supposed to have been carried

by the First Maryland Battery in the

civil war, and captured by the 123d Ohio

Regiment, and which for a number of

years has been among the relics of the

flag room at the State capitol at Colum-

bus, was received to-day by Adj. Gen.

Warfield and will be deposited in the

flag room at the Statehouse, where are

gathered the flags and other trophies cap-

tured by Maryland's Confederate and

Union soldiers, and also banners of the

Revolutionary war and the war of 1812.

The exact history of the flag is not

known, and a number of Confederates,

including Col. James W. Owens, of this

city, say that it was not carried by the

First Maryland Battery, as none was cap-

tured from that regiment, but that it be-

longed to the battery of the Fourth Regi-

ment, known as the Chesapeake Battery.

FIRST MORNING MUSICALS.

M. Gilbert, Barytone, and Mlle. Sassol Delight Large Audience.

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